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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An aqueous adhesive composition is provided comprising (a) from about 5 to about 75 weight % of an aqueous suspension of polymeric acrylate microspheres, 5 (b) from about 25 to about 95 weight % of an aqueous emulsion of crosslinked acrylate polymer, and, optionally, (c) a functionally effective amount of one or more auxiliary ingredients for modifying coating or enhancing adhesive performance properties; wherein the 10 weight ratio, on a solids basis, of microspheres to crosslinked acrylate polymer is about 0.025:1 to about 1.9:1.